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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN REPATRIATES IN US

REF: PARIS 5762 NOTAL, STATE 22618, GENEVA 548

1. OF 114 WOULD-BE CAMBODIAN REPATRIATES IN PHILADELPHIA, FIVE LEFT FOR PARIS FEB 26 TO APPROACH GRUNK MISSION TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR REPATRIATION. AFTER THEY OBTAINED REFUGEE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FROM INS PHILADELPHIA, AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR NATIONALITY SERVICE (ACNS) VOLAG BOUGHT ROUND-TRIP TICKETS TO PARIS WHICH REPATRIATES SHOWED FRENCH CONSULATE NEW YORK TO OBTAIN TOURIST VISAS TO FRANCE GOOD FOR 45 DAYS. ACNS ALSO GAVE THEM 450 DOLS. EACH IN TRAVELERS CHECKS FOR LIVING EXPENSES.

2. ACNS ALSO ARRANGED WITH AIR FRANCE TO PAY FOR ONWARD
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FLIGHT FROM PARIS VIA PEKING TO PHNOM PENH IF NECESSARY IN

EVENT THAT GRUNK MISSION APPROVES THEIR REPATRIATION.

3. INFORMATION ABOUT ACNS FUNDING OF TRANSPORTATION SHOULD BE HELD CLOSELY TO PROTECT WOULD-BE REPATRIATES, SINCE GRUNK MISSION INDICATED TO UNHCR THAT REPATRIATES SHOULD NOT OBTAIN OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR RETURN, AS REPORTED GENEVA 548.

4. ACNS INFORMED REPATRIATES THAT, IF THEY WERE NOT ACCEPTED BY GRUNK WITH 45 DAYS, THEY SHOULD USE ROUNDTRIP TICKET TO RETURN TO US. ACNS ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT, IF GOF WILLING TO EXTEND THEIR STAY AN ADDITIONAL 45 DAYS, ACNS WOULD ARRANGE FOR ANOTHER RETURN TICKET TO US GOOD WITHIN THOSE 45 DAYS.

5. ACNS ALSO TOLD REPATRIATES THAT IF THEY HAD QUESTIONS, THEY COULD CONTACT ACNS CORRESPONDENT, MME MONETTE FOULD, SERVICE SOCIALE D'AIDE AUX EMIGRANTS, 391 RUE DE VAUGIRARD 75732 PARIS CEDEX 15. ACNS ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO MORE FUNDS WOULD BE PROVIDED TO THEM.

6. IF REPATRIATES CONTACT EMB, THEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO ABOVE CONTACT.

7. ACNS NOW WORKING ON MOVEMENT ANOTHER SEVEN CAMBODIAN REPATRIATES FROM PHILADELPHIA FOLLOWING ROUTE ABOVE. INGERSOLL

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